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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH RELATIONS WITH TWO KOREAS

1. BANGLADESH HAS BECOME SECOND SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRY IN RECENT DAYS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROK-BANGLADESH RELATIONS WAS MADE IN SEOUL DECEMBER 19, THREE DAYS AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT BY PYONGYANG OF ITS OWN RELATIONS WITH DACCA. DIFFERENCE IN TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTRASTS WITH CASE OF INDIA, WHOSE RELATIONS WITH SEOUL AND PYONGYANG HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED SIMULTANEOUSLY DECEMBER 10.

2. COMMENT: THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE NORTH KOREAN AGREEMENT WITH BANGLADESH CAUGHT MOFA BY SURPRISE AND WAS VIEWED AS A SETBACK FOR ROKG'S HOPE THAT NONALIGNED COUNTRIES WOULD FOLLOW INDIAN EXAMPLE OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY. MOFA DISAPPOINTMENT WAS REFLECTED IN PRESS, WHIS GAVE ONLY BRIEF MENTION TO BANGLADESH DEVEKOPMENTS IN CONTRAST TO HEADLINE
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COVERAGE OF INDIAN RELATIONS. HOWEVER, REPORTEDLY

THROUGH CONTACTS IN NEW DELHI, MOFA WAS ABLE TO
MOVE QUICKLY TO REDRESS THE BALANCE, AND SEOUL'S
OBJECTIVE OF EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF BOTH KOREAS
BY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
ESSENTIALLY PRESERVED.
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